

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Tuesday February 7, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Waldron, Fisher

Members Absent: None

13 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the January regular meeting were approved as previously published. The minutes of the special meeting from January 16th were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Police Report: BLPA has donated a new prescription drop-off box that will be installed in the Police Department lobby. The Charger is fixed and operational and due to the weather there has been very little snowmobile patrol. Emmet County has received a grant from Homeland Security and we will receive part of it.

Committee reports:

DDA: The DDA is still working on funding for the streetscape project; applying for a MEDC grant and a Rural Development grant. Scott Swanson requested to be advised when the meetings are held. **Planning Commission:** Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2012. **Marina Park:** Marina Park is reluctant to sign an engineering contract for the trailhead until the state legislature approves the Trust Fund grant; still going forward with working on a landscaping plan and a gateway feature. Excess dirt from the bridge is being stock piled on Club Road that will be used to cover over the roadway; the plan is to turn that over to grass once the bridge construction is done. **Parks Commission:** The ice rink is back open again; the volunteers have been working hard on the rink. **Beautification Committee:** The community improvement grant has been submitted and the next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2012.

Airport Manager Report – Nothing new to report, saving money due to this mild winter.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$836,911.38; the tax accounts \$559,365.93 with interest.

Jerry Van Slembrouck is starting an eco-tourism business in Indian River and the Cheboygan County Planning Commission is requiring 17 parking spaces. Van Slembrouck would like permission to allow overflow parking to be on the township property immediately east of his property. Treasurer Balazovic moved to allow the township property west of the North Central State Trail to be used as public parking. Balazovic also moved that this does not grant exclusivity to Great Lakes Eco-Adventure Center. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club has requested a waiver of the “no wake” ordinance for August 11th and August 12th, 2012. Trustee Waldron moved to grant the waiver provided we receive payment for use of DeVoe Beach and proof that Tuscarora Township is named as an additional insured on their insurance no less than one month before the event. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the asset guidelines as presented with all additional assets over the principal residence, personal property, such as furniture and clothing shall not exceed five (5) times the annual household income of the applicant. Trustee McGinnis seconded and it carried with five ayes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to adopt Marina Park’s recommendation to keep the boat launch fees the same for 2012 as was in effect in 2011. Trustee McGinnis seconded and it carried with five ayes.

Chamber and township maintenance agreement tabled until the March regular meeting.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve the three year contract with Nieland & Kosanke for \$5,525, \$5,675, and \$5,825 for the years ended June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014. This includes the additional accounting work related to the library as they are still doing their books by hand. Clerk Fisher will talk with Joe Kosanke and stipulate that in the event the Library becomes computerized than the additional cost should be deducted. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Lot split requests tabled until we receive the application and affidavit.

Clerk Fisher moved to set the following alternate regular meeting dates: April 10th, August 14th, November 13th, Budget meeting June 19th at 3:00 p.m. and the Annual meeting for June 28th at 7:00 p.m. The July meeting will be held immediately following the June 28th Annual meeting. Trustee McGinnis seconded and it carried with five ayes.

Citizen comments: Have we heard anything yet on the Club Road title search?

Trustee Waldron moved to pay the bills, Treasurer Balazovic seconded and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor